

Quantum Programming Languages

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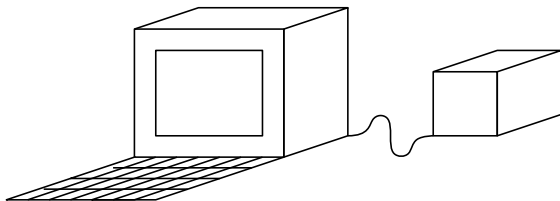
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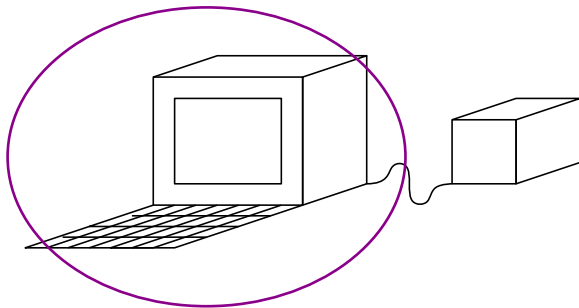
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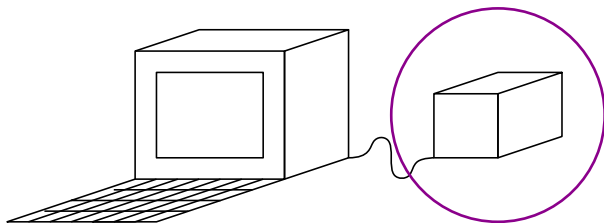


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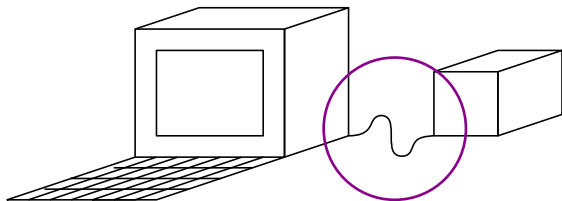
The program lives here

Model of Computation: Co-processor



This only holds the quantum memory

Model of Computation: Co-processor



Series of instructions/feedbacks

The Quantum Memory

A quantum memory

- » Contains individually addressable quantum registers (qbits)
- » State of n qbits: **complex** combination of strings of n bits
- » E.g. for $n = 3$:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 000 \\ + & \frac{1}{2} \cdot 001 \\ + & \frac{i}{2} \cdot 110 \\ - & \frac{i}{2} \cdot 111 \end{array}$$

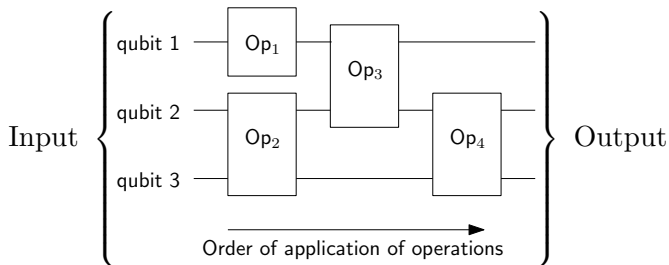
- » With a norm condition.

Unlike probabilistic distributions,

all are available at the same time.

Quantum Circuit Model

Stream of instructions: a series of elementary **gates** applied on the quantum memory, that are described by a **quantum circuit**.

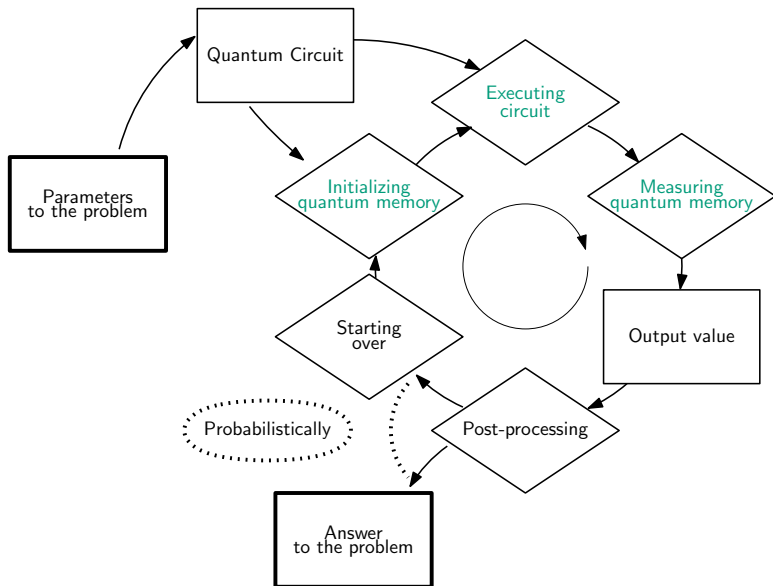


- » Each operation is **reversible**, **unitary** on the space of states
- » Wire \equiv quantum bit \equiv a **quantum register**
- » **No** “quantum loop”, “conditional stop” nor “branching point”

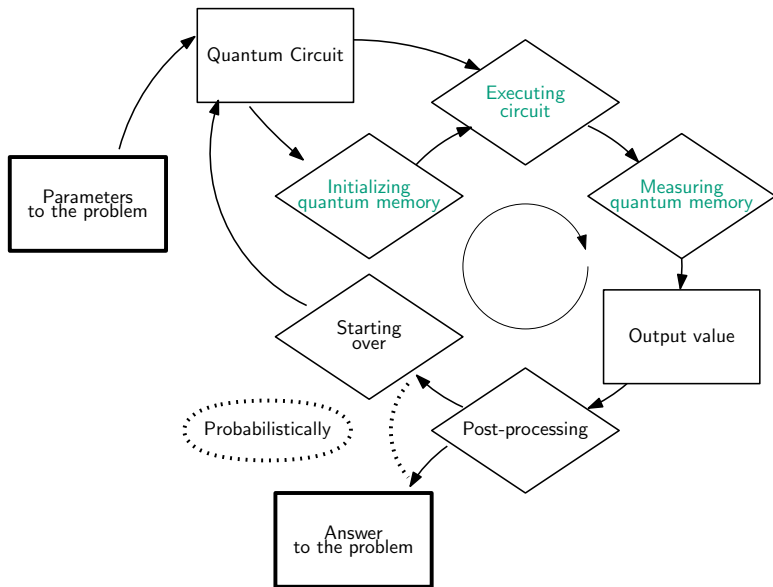
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Structure of (Static) Quantum Algorithms



Structure of (Variational) Quantum Algorithms



Quantum Algorithm, Probabilistic Algorithm

Simple probabilistic algorithm to factor 289884400687823

- » Fair draw of a number among 2, 3, 4, 5, ...
- » Test: Euclidian division
- » Found a factor: success. Otherwise: start over.

Very poor probability of success!

Shor's factorization algorithm

- » Probabilistic sampling performed with measurement
- » The quantum circuit build a “good” probability distribution.
→ boosts factors!

Quantum programming means building a circuit

(In case you're wondering: $315697 \cdot 918236159$)

Internals of Current Quantum Algorithms

The techniques used to described quantum algorithms are diverse.

1. Quantum primitives.

— Quantum Fourier Transform

Assuming $\omega = 0.xy$, we want

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & (e^{2\pi i \omega})^0 \cdot 00 \\ + & (e^{2\pi i \omega})^1 \cdot 01 \\ + & (e^{2\pi i \omega})^2 \cdot 10 \\ + & (e^{2\pi i \omega})^3 \cdot 11 \end{array} \quad \mapsto \quad 1 \cdot xy$$

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- Phase estimation.
- Amplitude amplification.

Qubit 3 in state **1** means **good**.

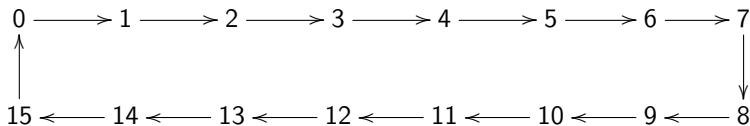
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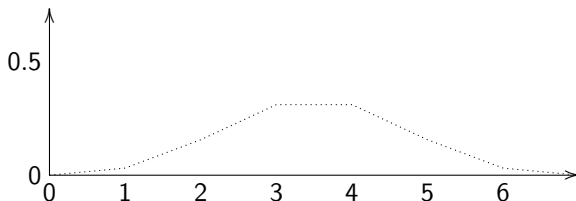
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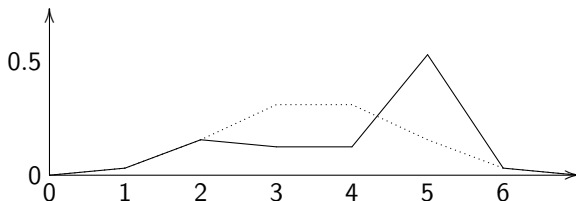
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- Hamiltonian simulation
- ...

They are given as circuit templates

Internals of Current Quantum Algorithms

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2. Oracles.

- Take a classical function $f : \text{Bool}^n \rightarrow \text{Bool}^m$.
- Construct

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{f} : \text{Bool}^{n+m} & \longrightarrow & \text{Bool}^{n+m} \\ (x, y) & \longmapsto & (x, y \oplus f(x)) \end{array}$$

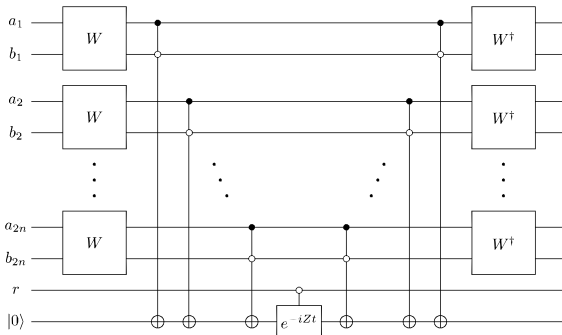
- Build the unitary U_f acting on $n + m$ qubits computing \bar{f} .

Building the circuit depends on how f is given

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3. Blocks of loosely-defined low-level circuits.



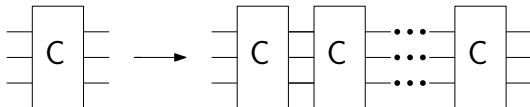
This is **not** a formal specification!

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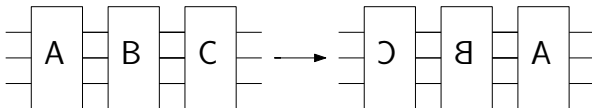
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4. High-level operations on circuit:

— Repetition



— Inversion



— Control

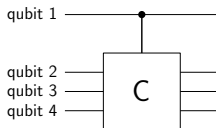


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- Control : conditional action of a circuit



C is applied on qubits 2-4 only when qubit 1 is true:
Suppose that C flips its input bits. Then the above circuit does

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This acts as a form of “quantum test”

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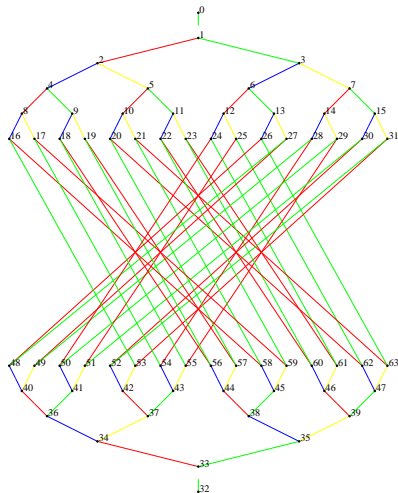
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5. Classical processing.

- Generating the circuit. . .
- Computing the input to the circuit.
- Processing classical feedback in the middle of the computation.
- Analyzing the final answer (and possibly starting over).

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Case study: BWT algorithm



» Start at entrance, look for exit

» Description of the graph:

I : Node

G : $\text{Color} \times \text{Node} \rightarrow \text{Maybe Node}$

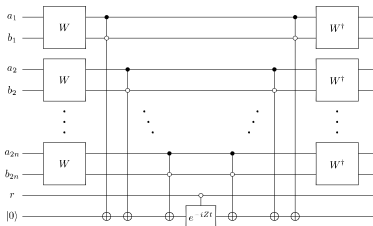
O : $\text{Node} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

» Random/Quantum walk

» Parameters:
height of tree ; number of steps.

Case study: BWT algorithm

- » Initialization of a register to the input node (using I)
- » 10^6 iterations:
 - Diffuse
 - Call oracle for red
 - Diffuse
 - Call oracle for green
 - Diffuse
 - Call oracle for blue
 - Diffuse
 - Call oracle for yellow
- » Measure the node we sit on
- » Test with O that we reached the output node.



Case study: QLS algorithm

Considering a vector \vec{b} and the system

$$A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{b},$$

compute the value of $\langle \vec{x} | \vec{r} \rangle$ for some vector \vec{r} .

Practical situation: the matrix A corresponds to the finite-element approximation of the scattering problem:

Case study: QLS algorithm

For more precision: `arXiv:1505.06552`

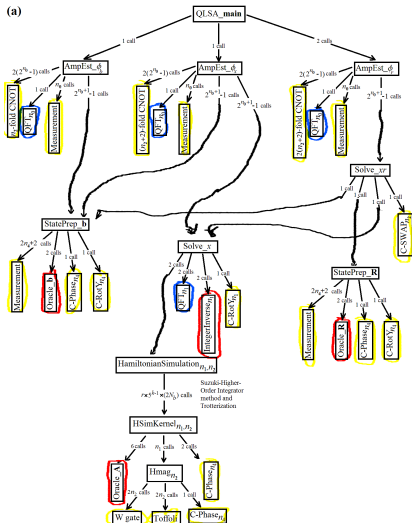
Three oracles:

- » for \vec{r} and for \vec{b} : input an index, output (the representation of) a complex number
- » for A : input two indexes, output also a complex number

It uses many quantum primitives

- » Amplitude estimation
- » Phase estimation
- » Amplitude amplification
- » Hamiltonian simulation

Case study: QLS algorithm



» Yellow: Elementary gates.

» Red: Oracles.

» Blue: QFT's.

» Black: Subroutines.

» Parameters:

Dimensions of the space;
Precision for each of the vectors;
Allowed error;
Various parameters for A...

In total, 19 parameters.

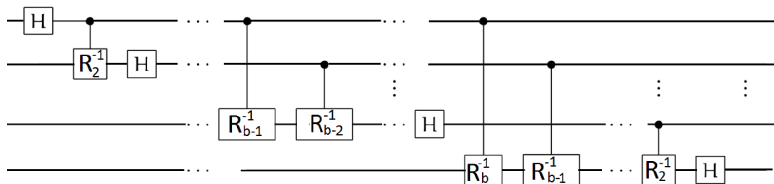
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Oracle R is given by the function

```
calcRweights y nx ny lx ly k theta phi =  
  let (xc',yc') = edgetoxy y nx ny in  
  let xc = (xc'-1.0)*lx - ((fromIntegral nx)-1.0)*lx/2.0 in  
  let yc = (yc'-1.0)*ly - ((fromIntegral ny)-1.0)*ly/2.0 in  
  let (xg,yg) = itoxy y nx ny in  
  if (xg == nx) then  
    let i = (mkPolar ly (k*xc*(cos phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*yc*(sin phi)))*  
      ((sinc (k*ly*(sin phi)/2.0)) :+ 0.0) in  
    let r = ( cos(phi) :+ k*lx )*((cos (theta - phi))/lx :+ 0.0) in i * r  
  else if (xg==2*nx-1) then  
    let i = (mkPolar ly (k*xc*cos(phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*yc*sin(phi)))*  
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    let r = ( cos(phi) :+ (- k*lx))*((cos (theta - phi))/lx :+ 0.0) in i * r  
  else if ( (yg==1) && (xg<nx) ) then  
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    let r = ( (- sin phi) :+ k*ly )*((cos(theta - phi))/ly :+ 0.0) in i * r  
  else if ( (yg==ny) && (xg<nx) ) then  
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  else 0.0 :+ 0.0
```


Case study: circuit snippets

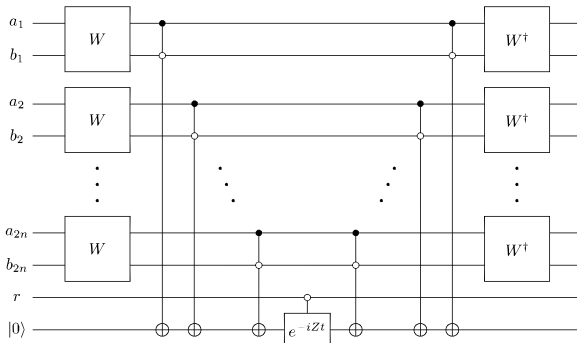
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(QFT)

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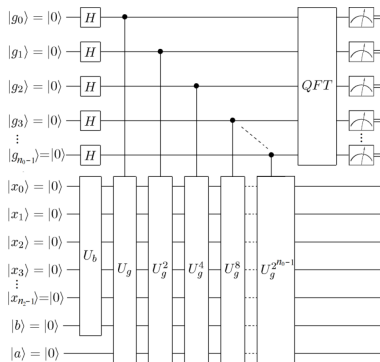
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(diffusion step in BWT)

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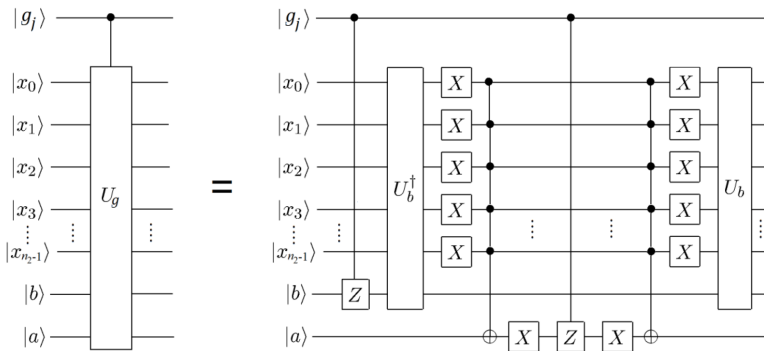
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(piece of one subroutine of QLS)

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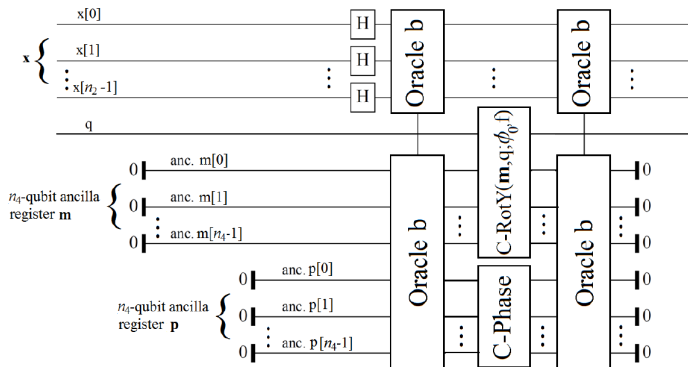
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Lessons learned

- » Circuit construction
 - **Procedural**: Instruction-based, one line at a time
 - **Declarative**: Circuit combinators
 - ▶ Inversion
 - ▶ Repetition
 - ▶ Control
 - ▶ Computation/uncomputation
- » **Circuits as inputs** to other circuits
- » **Regularity** with respect to the size of the input
- » Distinction **parameter** / **input**
- » Need for **automation for oracle** generation

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Two approaches

» Circuit as a record

- One type circuit
- Qubits \equiv wire numbers
- Native: vertical/horizontal concatenation, gate addition

» Circuit as a function

- Qubits \equiv first-order objects
- Input wires \equiv function input
- Output wires \equiv function output

Circuits as Records

Simplest model: an object holding all of the circuit structure

- » Classical wires
- » Quantum wires
- » List of gates (or directed acyclic graph)
- » This is for instance QisKit/QASM model

In this system

- » Static circuit
- » No high-level hybrid interaction: sequence
 1. circuit generation
 2. circuit evaluation
 3. measure
 4. classical post-processing
 5. back to (1)

Circuits as Records

Procedural construction (QisKit)

```
q = QuantumRegister(5)
c = ClassicalRegister(1)
circ = QuantumCircuit(q,c)
```

```
circ.h(q[0])
for i in range(1,5):
    circ.cx(q[0], q[i])
circ.meas(q[4],c[0])
```

- » Static ID For registers
- » Wires are numbers
- » Gate \equiv instruction
- » Classical control: Circuit building
- » Explicit “run” of circuit

Combinators: return a record circuit

- » `circ.control(4)`
- » `circ.inverse()`
- » `circ.append(other-circuit)`

Circuits as Functions

A function (Quipper)

`a -> Circ b`

- » Inputs something of type `a`
- » Outputs something of type `b`
- » As a side-effect, generates a circuit snippet.

Or

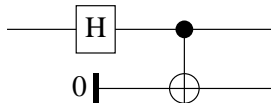
- » Inputs a `value` of type `a`
- » Outputs a `computation` of type `b`

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Circuits as Functions

The circuit



can be typed with

```
Qubit -> Circ (Qubit,Qubit)
```

- » Inputs one qubit
- » Outputs a pair of qubits
- » Spits out some gates when evaluated

The gates are however encapsulated in the function

Circuits as Functions

Representing circuits (Quipper)

Diagram illustrating the representation of a circuit in Quipper, showing the function signature and the procedural sequence definition with annotations:

```
myCircuit :: Qubit -> Circ (Qubit, Qubit)
myCircuit q = do
  ...
  ...
  return (x,y)
```

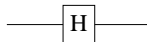
Annotations:

- Name of circuit (points to `myCircuit`)
- Input: one wire (points to `Qubit`)
- Indeed a circuit (points to `Circ`)
- Two output wires (points to `(Qubit, Qubit)`)
- Start a procedural sequence (points to `do`)
- The name of the input wire (points to `q`)
- The two output wires (points to `(x,y)`)

Circuits as Functions

Procedural presentation of circuits:

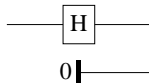
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prog :: Qubit -> Circ (Qubit,Qubit)
prog q = do
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  qnot_at r 'controlled' q
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```



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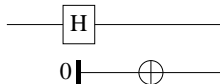
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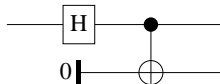
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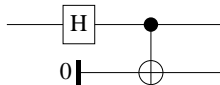
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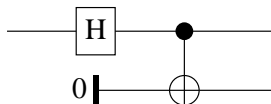
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Circuits as Functions



```
import Quipper
```

```
circ ::
```

```
    Qubit -> Circ (Qubit,Qubit)
```

```
circ x = do
```

```
    y <- qinit False
```

```
    hadamard_at x
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```
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    return (x,y)
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» Qubits \equiv first-class variable

» Circuit \equiv function

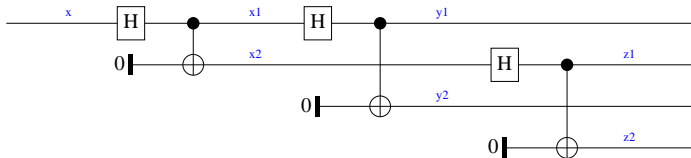
» Wires \equiv inputs and outputs

» Mix classical/quantum

Circuits as Functions

Wires do not have “fixed” location

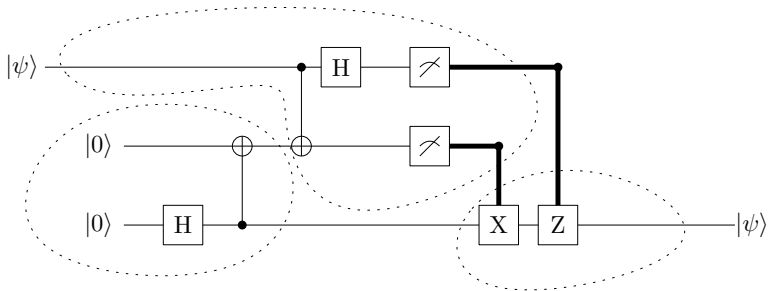
```
circ2 :: Qubit -> Circ ()  
circ2 x = do  
  (x1,x2) <- circ x  
  (y1,y2) <- circ x1  
  (z1,z2) <- circ x2  
  return ()
```



- » Qubit \neq Wire number
- » Circuits as functions: can be applied
- » More expressive types

Circuits as Functions: Teleportation

Exercise: Decompose according to the dashed sections

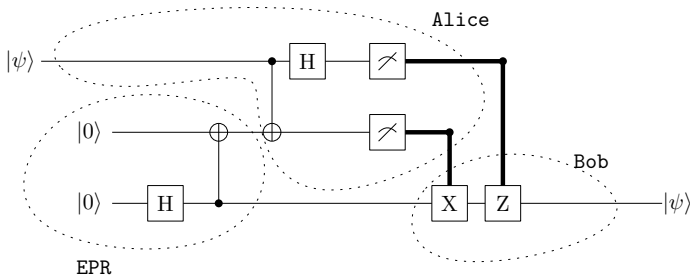


Circuit Combinators: exercise !

What could be the corresponding operations ?

1. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow \text{Circ } c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{Circ } c)$
2. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow \text{Circ } a)$
3. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow \text{Circ } d)$
 $\rightarrow ((a,c) \rightarrow \text{Circ } (b,d))$
4. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow ((a,\text{Qubit}) \rightarrow \text{Circ } (b,\text{Qubit}))$
5. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow (\text{Qubit} \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Circ } (b,\text{Qubit}))$
6. $(a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow (\text{Qubit} \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b)$

Circuits Combinators: Coming back to Teleportation



can be typed as

- » `EPR :: Circ (Qubit, Qubit)`
- » `Alice :: Qubit -> Qubit -> Circ (Bit, Bit)`
- » `Bob :: Qubit -> (Bit, Bit) -> Qubit`

Composing, we get

`Circ (Qubit -> Circ (Bit, Bit), (Bit, Bit) -> Circ Qubit)`

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Families of Circuits

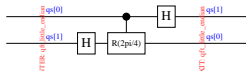
A program

- » Inputs classical parameters
- » Construct a circuit from these parameters
- » Run the circuit

Circuits are parametrized families!

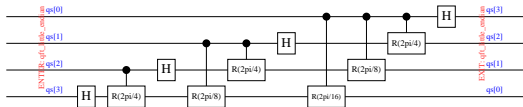
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Example: QFT



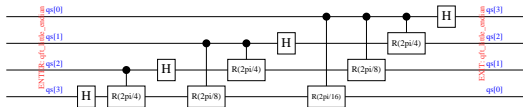
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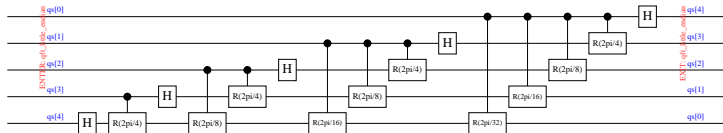
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Example: QFT



Families of Circuits

Example: QFT



Families of Circuits

With the help of lists:

Diagram illustrating the components of a circuit family definition:

- Name of circuit** points to `myCircuit` in `myCircuit :: [Qubit] -> Circ [Qubit]`
- Input a **list of wires**** points to `[Qubit]` in `myCircuit :: [Qubit] -> Circ [Qubit]`
- Indeed a circuit** points to `Circ` in `myCircuit :: [Qubit] -> Circ [Qubit]`
- Output a **list of wires**** points to `[Qubit]` in `myCircuit :: [Qubit] -> Circ [Qubit]`

Second code snippet:

```
myCircuit qs = do
  ...
  ...
  return ...
```

- Start a procedural sequence** points to `do`
- The name of the input list** points to `qs`
- The output list** points to `return ...`

Families of Circuits

List combinators, e.g.

$$\text{mapM} :: (a \rightarrow \text{Circ } b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow \text{Circ } [b]$$

Mixed presentation of circuits:

```
prog :: Qubit -> Circ (Qubit,Qubit)
```

```
prog q = do
```

```
  hadamard_at q
```

```
  r <- qinit False
```

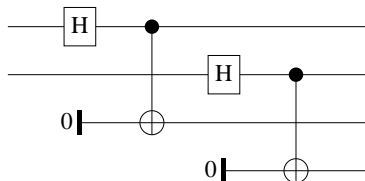
```
  qnot_at r 'controlled' q
```

```
  return (q,r)
```

```
prog2 :: [Qubit] -> Circ [(Qubit,Qubit)]
```

```
prog2 l = mapM prog l
```

List of size 2:



Families of Circuits

List combinators, e.g.

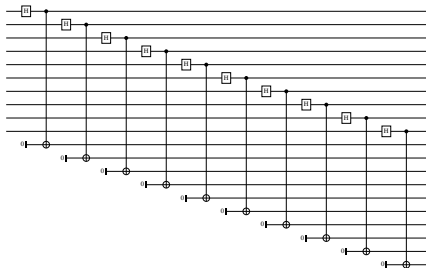
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  r <- qinit False
  qnot_at r 'controlled' q
  return (q,r)
```

```
prog2 :: [Qubit] -> Circ [(Qubit,Qubit)]
prog2 l = mapM prog l
```

List of size 10:



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Example: Quipper Code

```
import Quipper

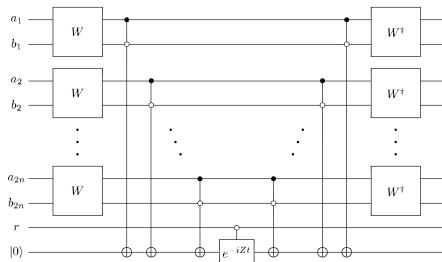
w :: (Qubit,Qubit) -> Circ (Qubit,Qubit)
w = named_gate "W"

toffoli :: Qubit -> (Qubit,Qubit) -> Circ Qubit
toffoli d (x,y) =
  qnot d 'controlled' x ==. 1 .&&. y ==. 0

eiz_at :: Qubit -> Qubit -> Circ ()
eiz_at d r =
  named_gate_at "eiZ" d 'controlled' r ==. 0

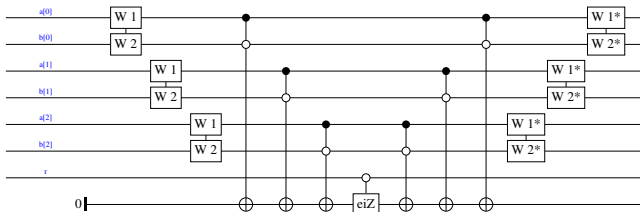
circ :: [(Qubit,Qubit)] -> Qubit -> Circ ()
circ ws r = do
  label (unzip ws,r) (("a","b"),"r")
  d <- qinit 0
  mapM_ w ws
  mapM_ (toffoli d) ws
  eiz_at d r
  mapM_ (toffoli d) (reverse ws)
  mapM_ (reverse_generic w) (reverse ws)
  return ()

main = print_generic EPS circ (replicate 3 (qubit,qubit)) qubit
```



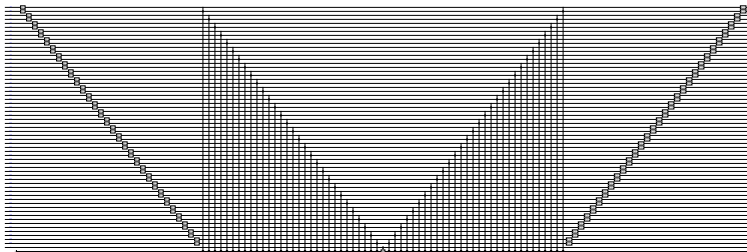
Example: BWT

Result (3 wires):



Example: BWT

Result (30 wires):



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Design Choices: Summary

Requirements for coding Circuits

- » Classical structures!
- » Hierarchical Representation
- » Parametricity
- » Non-trivial Combinators

A natural view

- » Low Key, First-Order Functions
- » Circuit construction seen as a monad

Circuit Construction as a Monad?

Monad: a type constructor M equipped with

- » `return :: a -> M a`
- » `app :: M a -> (a -> M b) -> M b`

Example: the list monad

- » Type `[a]` : for lists of elements of type `a`
- » `return x = [x]`
- » `app [x1, x2, x3] f = (f x1) ++ (f x2) ++ (f x3)`

Circuit Construction as a Monad?

Monad: a type constructor M equipped with

- » `return :: a -> M a`
- » `app :: M a -> (a -> M b) -> M b`

Example: state monad `M a = Int -> (a, Int)`

- » `return x = \ n . (x, n)`
- » `app g f = \ n . let (y,m) = g n in f y m`

Special combinators

```
get :: M Int
get = \ n . (n,n)

inc :: Int -> M ()
inc n = \ m . ((), m+n)
```

do-notation

```
double = do
    n <- get
    inc n
```

Circuit Construction as a Monad?

Monad: a type constructor M equipped with

- » `return :: a -> M a`
- » `app :: M a -> (a -> M b) -> M b`

Circuit monad: `M a = GateList -> (a, GateList)`

- » `return x = λ n . (x, n)`
- » `app g f = λ n . let (y,m) = g n in f y m`

Special combinators

`addGate :: Gate -> Wire -> M ()`

`addGate g w = λ gs . ((), [(g w) added to gs])`

`qinit :: M Wire`

`qinit = λ gs . ([fresh wire not in gs], gs)`

Interaction only performed through these combinators

Quantum PL in the wild

Just to name a few

- » Quipper (Academic project)
- » Q# (Microsoft)
- » Silq (ETH Zurich)

And a wealth of Python's libraries

- » Cirq (Google)
- » myQLM (Eviden)
- » Perceval (Quandela)
- » Qiskit (IBM)
- » and one for about every single company out there

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An oracle:

- » classical description f of the problem
- » turned into a reversible circuit:

$$U_f : |x\rangle|y\rangle \mapsto |x\rangle|y + f(x)\rangle$$

- » How to build U_f ?
 - Small size: circuit synthesis
 - Arithmetic or other studied functions:
Specific (highly optimized) circuits
 - Other cases?

What about an arbitrary program, for example

```
calcRweights y nx ny lx ly k theta phi =  
  let (xc',yc') = edgetoxy y nx ny in  
  let xc = (xc'-1.0)*lx - ((fromIntegral nx)-1.0)*lx/2.0 in  
  let yc = (yc'-1.0)*ly - ((fromIntegral ny)-1.0)*ly/2.0 in  
  let (xg,yg) = itoxy y nx ny in  
  if (xg == nx) then  
    let i = (mkPolar ly (k*xc*(cos phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*yc*(sin phi)))*  
      ((sinc (k*ly*(sin phi)/2.0))+0.0) in  
    let r = ( cos(phi)+k*lx )*((cos (theta - phi))/lx+0.0) in i*r  
  else if (xg==2*nx-1) then  
    let i = (mkPolar ly (k*xc*cos(phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*yc*sin(phi)))*  
      ((sinc (k*ly*sin(phi)/2.0))+0.0) in  
    let r = ( cos(phi)+(- k*lx))*((cos (theta - phi))/lx+0.0) in i*r  
  else if ( (yg==1) and (xg<nx) ) then  
    let i = (mkPolar lx (k*yc*sin(phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*xc*cos(phi)))*  
      ((sinc (k*lx*(cos phi)/2.0))+0.0) in  
    let r = ( (- sin phi)+k*ly )*((cos(theta - phi))/ly+0.0) in i*r  
  else if ( (yg==ny) and (xg<nx) ) then  
    let i = (mkPolar lx (k*yc*sin(phi)))*(mkPolar 1.0 (k*xc*cos(phi)))*  
      ((sinc (k*lx*(cos phi)/2.0))+0.0) in  
    let r = ( (- sin phi)+(- k*ly )*((cos(theta - phi)/ly)+0.0) in i*r  
  else 0.0+0.0
```

(For QLS there was 10 matlab files of such functions)

Problem Statement

This is the topic of this section. How to:

- » in short time
- » and automatically
- » get efficient,
- » scalable,
- » yet guaranteed
- » reversible implementation
- » of a higher-order, classical function,
- » parametrically on the input size.

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Landauer's embedding:

- » Record **all** intermediate results.
- » With $(x \wedge y) \wedge z$

$t \mapsto x \wedge y; \quad u \mapsto t \wedge z; \quad \text{returns } u$

while retaining t as “garbage”.

- » Trace as a **partial execution**

Basic idea

Example: $x : \text{bool} \mapsto \text{let } f = \text{not in } (fx) \text{ and } (fx) : \text{bool}$

Regular execution

- » Needs a concrete input, e.g. $x = \text{true}$
- » Then: **rewriting** of the term

```
    let  $f = \text{not in } (f\text{true}) \text{ and } (f\text{true})$   
→ (not true) and (not true)  
→ false and (not true)  
→ false and false  
→ false
```

Basic idea

Example: $x : \text{bool} \mapsto \text{let } f = \text{not in } (fx) \text{ and } (fx) : \text{bool}$

Trace of a partial execution

- » Start with an unknown variable x
- » Then: **keep the trace** of low-level actions to be performed on x

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| $(\emptyset,$ | $\text{let } f = \text{not in } (fx) \text{ and } (fx))$ |
| $\rightarrow (\emptyset,$ | $(\text{not } x) \text{ and } (\text{not } x))$ |
| $\rightarrow ([y := \text{not } x]$ | $y \text{ and } (\text{not } x))$ |
| $\rightarrow ([y \mapsto \text{not } x; z \mapsto \text{not } x],$ | $y \text{ and } z)$ |
| $\rightarrow ([y \mapsto \text{not } x; z \mapsto \text{not } x; t \mapsto y \text{ and } z],$ | $t)$ |

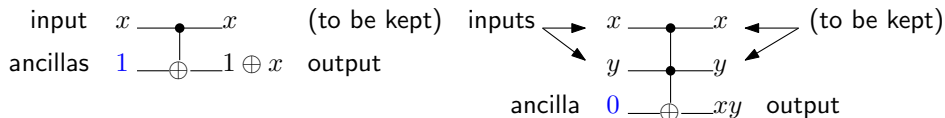
- » ...and **make this trace reversible**: Landauer's embedding

Basic idea

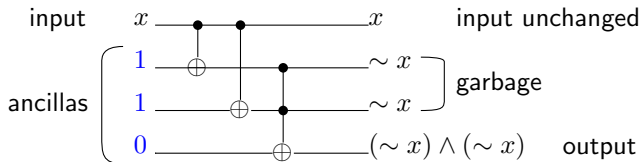
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Trace of a partial execution

» not becomes a CNOT ; and becomes a Toffoli



» And the full trace is



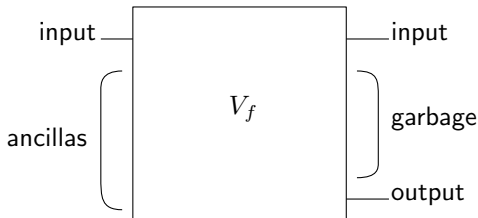
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Composition Procedure

A function $f : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$
is turned into a map

$$V_f : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{circuit}(\text{bool})$$

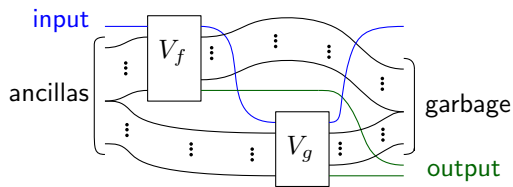
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Composition Procedure

A function $\langle f, g \rangle : \text{bool} \rightarrow (\text{bool} \times \text{bool})$
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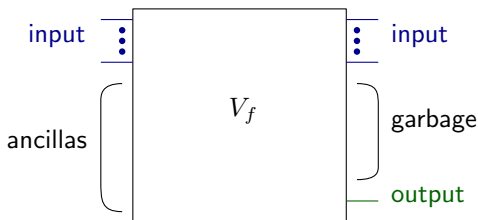
$$V_{\langle f, g \rangle} : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{circuit}(\text{bool} \times \text{bool})$$



Composition Procedure

A function $f : (\text{bool list}) \rightarrow \text{bool}$
is turned into a map

$$V_f : (\text{bool list}) \rightarrow \text{circuit}(\text{bool})$$

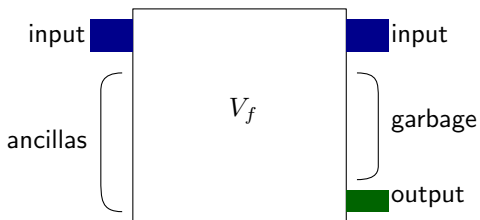


(Parametric circuit !)

Composition Procedure

A function $f : A \longrightarrow B$
is turned into a map

$$f : A \longrightarrow \text{circuit}("B")$$



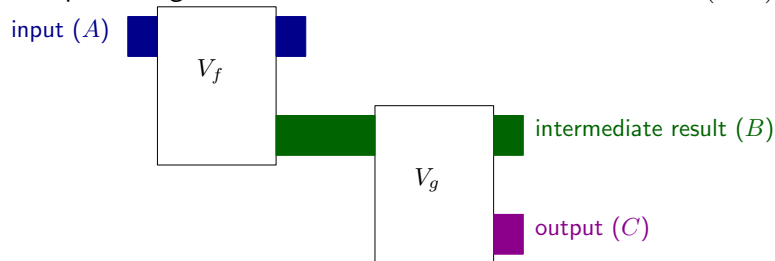
Composition Procedure

Two function $f : A \longrightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$
are turned into maps

$$V_f : A \longrightarrow \text{circuit}("B")$$

$$V_g : B \longrightarrow \text{circuit}("C")$$

Composition $g \circ f : A \longrightarrow C$ is turned into $A \longrightarrow \text{circuit}("C")$



Composition Procedure

Example Try out

$$(x, y) \longmapsto \neg(\neg x) \wedge (\neg y)$$

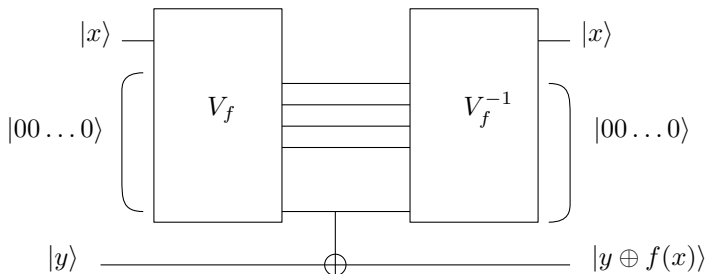
Example Try out

$$x \longmapsto x^8$$

Assume x is a natural number modulo 2^N written as a bitstring of size N , and assume that we already have a very optimized V for the multiplication.

Oracle from V

We construct U as



This scheme is known as **compute-uncompute**.
It has been implemented in Quipper.

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Example: Adder

```
foldl :: (A → B → A) → A → [B] → A
foldl f a l = let rec g z l' = match (split l') with
                nil      ↦ z
                | (h,t) ↦ g (f z h) t
              in g a l
```

```
bit_adder : bit → bit → bit → (bit × bit)
bit_adder carry x y =
  let majority a b c = if (xor a b) then c else a in
  let z = xor (xor carry x) y in
  let carry' = majority carry x y in (carry', z)
```

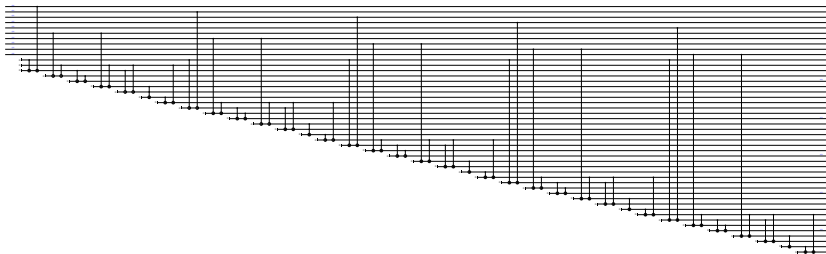
```
adder_aux : (bit × [bit]) → (bit × bit) → (bit × [bit])
adder_aux (w, cs) (a, b) = let (w', c') = bit_adder w a b in (w', c'::cs)
```

```
adder : [bit] × [bit] → [bit]
adder x y = snd (foldl adder_aux (False, nil) (zip y x))
```

adder is lifted to $[bit] \times [bit] \rightarrow \text{circuit}([bit])$.

Example: Adder

For $n = 5$, no optimization:



Size of circuit is proportional to number of low-level bit-operations in all execution paths of adder.

Example: Adder

n is the integer-size in bits.

| paper | ancillae | size |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| VBE (1995) | n | $\sim 8n$ |
| Cuccaro, Drapper & al. (2005) | 0 | $\sim 7n$ |
| Drapper, Kutin & al. (2008) | $\sim 2n$ | $\sim 10n$ (in place) |
| Drapper, Kutin & al. (2008) | $\sim n$ | $\sim 5n$ (not in place) |

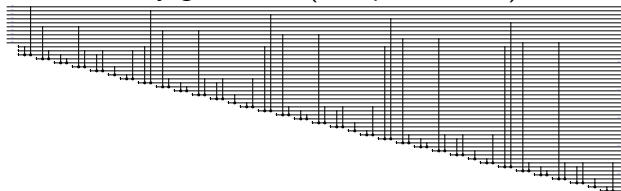
How do we scale against these ?

Example: Adders

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Automatically generated (no optimization):

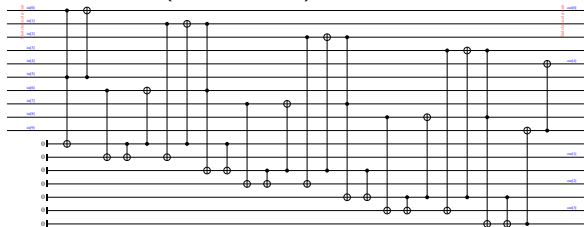


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With a bit of (automated) optimization:



Example: The vector b

Hand-made circuits for: adders, multipliers, comparison, square root.

How about the b vector of the QLS algorithm ($Ax = b$) ?

It gives a program computing the circuit

- » Program well-typed
- » Size of circuit proportional to execution time
- » Compositional

Oracle Synthesis Nowadays

A lot of progress! But not quite enough to get there
See for example Gidney's blog:



For Shor's factoring algorithm, aiming at 21:

More broadly

- » Realm of FTQC
- » Large actors enters the field: Google, Microsoft, IBM, AWS...
- » ... and small actors such as Alice&Bob or PsiQuantum

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Goal

Formalizing

- » Functional programming
- » Higher-order combinators
- » Capable of manipulating quantum information
- » And quantum circuits

The first two items

- » Realm of lambda-calculus

Lambda-Calculus

- » Formal system from Alonzo Church, ~1930
- » Concept of **Function** and **Application**
 - “**Every term is a function!**”
 - Core of **functional** programming
 - For example: Haskell, OCaml, F#, Lisp, Erlang, *etc.*
- » Very simple grammar:
 - Variables x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots
 - Application (binary, infix)
 - **Abstraction**: $\lambda x.t$ (where t is a term)
- » $\lambda x.t$: the function “ $x \mapsto t$ ”

- » Extension of a **first-order** system
 - Can be extended to other **first-order** symbols
 - Also to other **second-order** constructions
(like μ -calculus. . .)
 - But **universal**
- » Notation
 - $\lambda x. t_1 t_2 t_3 = \lambda x. ((t_1 t_2) t_3)$
 - $\lambda xy. t = \lambda x. \lambda y. t$

Lambda-Calculus

- » Notion of **bound** and **free** variables
- » In $\lambda y.x(\lambda z.z)$:
 - x is free
 - y, z are bound
- » Each bound variable is attached to a λ
 - $\lambda z . x \lambda x . x (\lambda x . x z)$
- » The name of bound variables does not matter
 - $\lambda x.x = \lambda y.y$
 - $\lambda xy.x (y z) = \lambda ab.a (b z)$
 - **Careful!** $\lambda x.y \neq \lambda y.y$

Rewriting Rules

- » β -reduction: $(\lambda x.t)u \longrightarrow_{\beta} t[x := u]$
(! only the x bound by the corresponding λ are replaced)
- » A rule that can be added:
 η -reduction: $(\lambda x.tx) \longrightarrow_{\eta} t$
(! when x is not free in t)
- » Congruence:
Reduction can occur within a term
If $M \longrightarrow M'$, then $MN \longrightarrow M'N$
(Context-free rules)

Example

What are the behaviors of

» $\Omega = (\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx)$?

» $ZZ V$ when $Z = \lambda zx.x(zzx)$?

(Turing's fixed point combinator)

Church numerals are defined as

» $\bar{0} \triangleq \lambda xy.y$

» $\bar{1} \triangleq \lambda xy.xy$

» $\bar{2} \triangleq \lambda xy.x(xy)$

» $\bar{3} \triangleq \lambda xy.x(x(xy))$

When fed with \bar{m} and \bar{n} , what are the behaviors of

» $M = \lambda mn.\lambda xy.mx(nxy)$?

» $N = \lambda mn.m(Mn)(\lambda xy.y)$?

Pure lambda calculus is Turing complete